

# Memorandum

**TO:** COUNCILMEMBER  
FORREST WILLIAMS

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION  
IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**

**DATE:** August 9, 2007

Approved

Date

8/10/07

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a planned traffic signal improvement on the border of Council Districts 2 and 10. The project is funded as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Traffic Capital Improvement Program. The project will modify the traffic signal at Blossom Hill Road and Snell Avenue. This location was chosen from an extensive inventory list of unfunded traffic signal improvement needs in the City. The selection of traffic signal projects is primarily based on prioritization criteria established by City Council Policy 2-2 and includes the consideration of crash statistics, traffic volumes, speed, pedestrian activity, proximity to schools, and land use along with extensive internal review of traffic flow and community input.

The modification will enhance visibility of the signal heads at the intersection and will upgrade the signal poles to meet current standards. The left turn signal heads mounted on poles currently located on the median island will be removed. Upgraded signal heads will be installed on new traffic signal poles with appropriate mast arm lengths. In addition, the project will reconstruct the existing curb ramps to new ADA compliant ramps. The project is anticipated to start construction in the summer of 2008.

Staff will be providing appropriate outreach to notify the residents in the vicinity of these projects. Should you have any questions regarding the project or if you are aware of any community concerns, please contact Amy Olay of my staff at (408) 975-3283.

  
JAMES R. HELMER

Director of Transportation